

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Mayor and Council
City of Fitzgerald, Georgia
January 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor and Council met on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 302 East Central Avenue, with Mayor Jason L. Holt presiding and with Council members Brown, Clemons, D. Jefferson, S. Jefferson, J. Johnson, K. Johnson, Peavey, Roberts and Webb being present.

Mayor Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Tonight, we will have two meetings: a wrap up for the 2023 year and the organizational meeting for the new 2024 year.

Minutes of previous meeting, December 11, 2023, Regular Council meeting were presented. Mayor Holt entertained a motion for approval. Council member Roberts made a **motion** to approve minutes, **seconded** by Council member Peavey. With there being no additions or corrections, Mayor Holt called for a **Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.**

Under hearing from citizens or visitors, Mayor Holt called on Fire Chief Rusty Seaver. Chief Seaver called on the two new certified fire fighters: Dwayne Johnson and Andrew Louthan for their pinning. Chief Seaver also called on Corey Ball with his promotion to Engineer. Mayor Holt called on Police Chief William Smallwood. Chief Smallwood called on Josh Dibble, who is our newest certified police officer for his pinning.

Under **reports of city officers**, Mayor Holt called attention to the Administrative Report. Please be sure to review the report. There is also a new format to show the grants we have applied for, if we received or were denied.

Reports of **standing committees** were given by their respective chairpersons.

Mayor Holt called on Councilman Kevin Johnson. Councilman K. Johnson presented an invitation and schedule of events on behalf of the Fitzgerald Community Club regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Ordinance 24-1615**: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 12, "garbage, trash and weeds" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, specifically by the repeal of section 12-8. "city designated disposal site" and amendment of the section 12-11 "collection fees – established" and section 12-16. "disposal of yard trimmings" thereof:

Motion to dispense full reading: Roberts

Second: Clemons

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor, motion approved.

Mayor Holt called for action on the Ordinance.

There was discussion regarding the price per can increase and the flyer that is being sent in the Fitzgerald Utility billings regarding the increase that takes effect February 1, 2024.

Motion to approve: Peavey

Second: Webb

With no discussion, **Roll Call Vote: 8 Yes, 1 No. Motion approved. S. Jefferson voting No.**

City Attorney, Kyle Cook, presented **Resolution R24-001**: A Resolution adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2024, beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, for the general funds of the City of Fitzgerald, Georgia, appropriating funds for each department of the general city operation and adopting the anticipated revenue projections.

Mayor Holt called for action on the Resolution.

Motion to approve: Webb

Second: J. Johnson

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No. All in favor. Motion approved.

With there being no further business, this meeting was adjourned.



APPROVED:

Jose Siles

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Cristina Evans
